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1. Missiles were observed three or four times between 2100 and 2000 between early and mid-May 1953. Observations were not made every night. ² On the nights of observation, there were no clouds, it was dark without moonlight and there was a light northeasterly wind. The missiles could not have been confused with flying aircraft because of their course. Besides no air activity was ever observed in the direction the missiles were seen.
2. A moving missile and a stationary red disc were seen. It was so dark that the line of the horizon could not be distinguished. The course of the missile resembled that of a projectile, for example that of a mortar smoke shell, but was steeper and considerably higher and wider. The angle of the course was estimated to be at least 60°. The missiles travelled from about south to north and were observed from the side. The height and distance of the course taken by the missiles could not be estimated. Each missile was seen for 5 seconds at the longest during which it travelled from the point of appearance over the northwestern corner of the Red Barricade Plant to the "red disc" which was indicated as vertex and was seen in the direction of the southeastern corner of the tractor plant. ³
3. The missile appeared to be about 40 to 45 cm long and 10 cm in diameter throughout its length. Its nose was pointed or rounded off, its tail was flat. It appeared yellowish-white and did not emanate a smoke or fire trail. No noise was heard. A circular red-shining disc was seen about 15 cm in diameter in the northeast apparently at the height of the culminating point of the flying body. It was noted that the missile was no longer seen on the northern side of the red disc. ⁴
4. [redacted] maneuvers were being held in the area east of the Volga during the time of observation. In late April 1953, some Soviet laborers were drafted for these maneuvers as infantrymen. [redacted] firing practices probably by AAA units were held. During the hour of observation, one missile appeared at intervals of 10 minutes. Approximately

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every second missile made the light of the disc disappear for 10 to 30 seconds. It was a common belief among the PWs that these appearances were connected with rocket tests.

1. Comment. In a previous report, the number of the PW camp in Stalingrad was given as 6364/1. This number is unknown and was probably misidentified. No 6124/1 mentioned in the present report is believed to be correct. 25X1
2. Comment. Unidentified flying bodies have been observed since the summer of 1950. 25X1
3. Comment. For sketch of the area of observation, see Annex, sketch 1. 25X1
The area of observation, north of Srednyaya-Akhtuba and Leninsk (48°45'N/45°E) was indicated as "field area". The present observations and previous information which gave a distance of 10 to 30 km indicate that tests or practices with flying bodies were being conducted in that area. These practices were probably not identical with those conducted in Kapustin Yar, about 100 km east-southeast of Stalingrad.
4. Comment. For sketch of course taken by the missiles, see Annex, sketch 2. 25X1
The information given in the present report agrees with previous information.
5. Comment. The data given indicate that AA missiles with target seeking heads operated on ultra-red basis were fired at heat emanating simulated targets. 25X1

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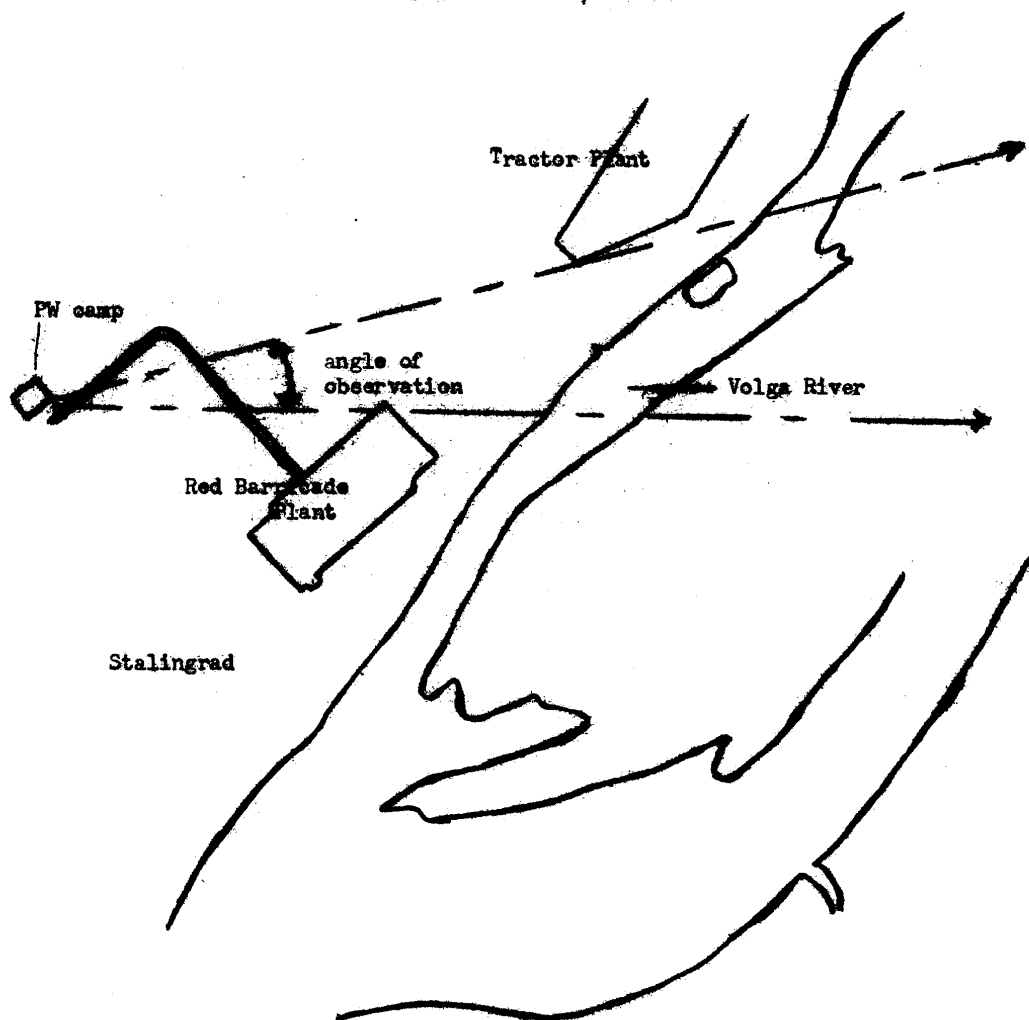
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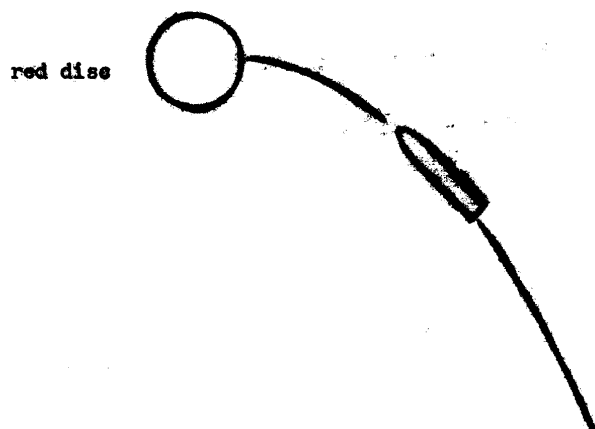
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Observation of Missiles Over the Stalingrad Area



Flight Path of Missile



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